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St. Lucie County

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**A Monthly Update
of Current Events
and Happenings
within St. Lucie**

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Board of County Commissioners Special Meetings & Workshops Scheduled

- St. Lucie County will hold four neighborhood public workshops in September to solicit resident input on bike paths, sidewalks, trails and greenways in St. Lucie County. For more information, contact the St. Lucie County Environmental Resources Department at 462-2526.
- The Library Long Range Planning Session will be on Saturday, September 16, 2006, from 9:00 AM until 2:00 PM at the Oxbow Center on South 25th Street. Those interested in serving on the committee should contact Susan Kilmer at 462-1615.
- The Board of County Commissioners will hold an Art In Public Places Sculpture Dedication on September 18, 2006, at 10:30 AM in front of the Old Civic Center.
- The Board of County Commissioners will hold a Workshop on the Research Park and other issues with the University of Florida Officials on Monday, September 25, 2006, at 2:00 PM in Conference Room 3, at the Roger Poitras Annex.
- The Board of County Commissioners day meeting scheduled for September 26, 2006, will be held at 9:00 AM.
- St. Lucie County will hold the Kick-Off Public Meeting for the Midway Road Widening in the County Commission Chambers on Wednesday, September 27, 2006, from 5:00 PM until 7:00 PM. It will be an informal opportunity for the public to meet the people undertaking the design of Midway Road from the Turnpike Bridge to 25th Street, review our preliminary plans and to provide input for the ongoing design process.
- The Board of County Commissioners will host a Ribbon Cutting for the Weldon B. Lewis Park on Thursday, October 19, 2006, at 2:00 PM.
- There will be no Board of County Commissioners Meeting on Tuesday, November 7, 2006, due to the election.
- The Annual UDT Seal Muster will be held on Saturday, November 11, 2006, at 11:00 AM at the UDT Seal Museum on North Hutchinson Island.
- The November 21, 2006, Board of County Commissioners Reorganization Meeting will be at 9:00 AM.
- There will be NO Board of County Commissioners meeting on Tuesday, December 26, 2006, due to the County's observance of the Holiday.

Transit Bus Stops

St. Lucie County is implementing a Fixed Route System and is placing Mosaic Art Benches at bus stops on these routes. For the convenience and safety of passengers on the Fixed Route System, concrete pads for the benches are needed. These pads will also provide the foundation for future shelters to be erected at these stops. On September 12, 2006, the Board of County Commissioners approved the reallocation of \$25,000 to allow for the construction of these pads. The construction of the concrete pads is expected to be complete by Winter 2006.

Taylor Creek Dredging Project

On September 12, 2006, the Board of County Commissioners approved Work Authorization No. 5 with Taylor Engineering in the amount of \$14,724 for a seagrass survey for the Taylor Creek Dredging Project. St. Lucie County continues to pursue the dredging of Taylor Creek to remove the muck sediments between the C-25 Canal spillway and the Intracoastal Waterway. Phase I of the Project was completed in the Summer of 2005, during which 100,000 cubic yards of muck was dredged from the navigational channel of Taylor Creek. Currently, the County is working to secure permits for Phases 2 and 3 of the Taylor Creek Project. Phase 2 involves the dredging of the upstream reach between C-25 canal and the Railroad Bridge crossing, adjacent to US Highway 1. Approximately 100,000 cubic yards of muck sediment will be removed in Phase 2. Phase 3 involves stabilization of the Shoreline at selected locations along the Creek.

St. Lucie County Historical Museum

To improve the quality of the exhibits, the St. Lucie County Historical Museum has a rare opportunity to work with the Archaeological and Historical Conservancy Inc., to acquire important archaeological collection of items found within St. Lucie County. The proposed firm has assessed over 1000 sites throughout Florida. On September 12, 2006, the Board of County Commissioners approved the contract with Archaeological and Historical Conservancy Inc., to assist in the acquisition and cataloging of archaeological materials for the Historical Museum.

Skate Park Design Committee

On September 12, 2006, the Board of County Commissioners approved a resolution authorizing the creation of a Skate Park Design Advisory Ad Hoc Committee to assist with the design of a skate park located in the Lawnwood Complex.

Airport Customs Facility Modifications

On September 12, 2006, the Board of County Commissioners accepted the Florida Department of Transportation's Joint Participation Agreement in the amount of \$96,000 with a local match of \$24,000 for a total project cost of \$120,000 for the construction of the modifications to the United States Customs and Border protection Facility at the St. Lucie County International Airport. Modifications should be complete by Fall 2007.

Airport Rehabilitation of Runway 9/27

On September 12, 2006, the Board of County Commissioners accepted the Florida Department of Transportation's Joint Participation Agreement in the amount of \$300,000 with a local match of \$75,000 for a total project cost of \$375,000 for the design of Runway 9/27 overlay project at the St. Lucie County International Airport. Construction is scheduled to begin in the Winter of 2006 and should be complete by the Summer of 2007.

Upcoming Events at the Oxbow Eco-Center

Guided Canoe/Kayak Tours ~ Saturday, September 16 from 9:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. Join an Oxbow naturalist for a leisurely paddle down the St. Lucie River. Fee is \$10 per person. Children 5 - 7 are free. Reservations and prepayment is required. For more information, please call (772) 785-5842.

Morningside Library Events

Current Events Discussion Group ~ Every Wednesday from 1 to 3 p.m.

Manga Youth Book Discussion Club ~ Every Monday from 3:45 to 5 p.m.

Monday Musings Book Discussion ~ Every second Monday of the month at 3 p.m.

Tuesdays with Maureen Book Discussion ~ Every first Tuesday of the month at 10 a.m. All discussion groups are open for drop-ins. Call 337-5632 for more information.

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